

December 3, 1963

Mr. J. E. Curry
Chief of Police

Subject: Arrest of
Lee Harvey Oswald w/m/24

Sir:

On November 22, 1963 I was assigned to the Trade Mart as part of a security force under the supervision of Captain O. A. Jones. After hearing of the President's assassination I, along with Lt. J. L. Cunningham, J. B. Tony, and M. A. Buhk, was instructed by Captain Jones to proceed to the scene of the assassination.

Enroute we heard on the police radio that Officer J. D. Tippit had been shot in Oak Cliff and a suspect had been seen going into the library at E. Jefferson and Marsalis. We proceeded to this location and upon arriving found it to be false.

We left the library and heard a report that a suspect fitting the description was seen in the Texas Theatre, 231 W. Jefferson, and was hiding in the balcony. We proceeded to this location and I began searching the balcony. I started down the stairs and heard someone shout, "I've got him down here". I went downstairs and assisted in arresting Lee Harvey Oswald. At this time, Officer M. N. McDonald had this subject and was attempting to take a pistol out of his hand. I along with numerous other officers grabbed Oswald and someone took the pistol out of his hand. Handcuffs were then placed on the subject. At this time the prisoner began shouting "I'm not resisting and I'm proclaiming police brutality". We were instructed by Captain

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Westbrook to get the prisoner in a car and take him to the City Hall. At this time Detective B. E. Carroll and other officers took the prisoner out the front door of the Theatre where there was a large crowd of people gathered outside. The people were shouting "kill him" and "let us kill him". The prisoner was placed in a squad car and immediately taken away.

I along with Lt. Cunningham and J. B. Tony remained at the Theatre and took the names and addresses of the occupants of the Theatre. We brought a witness to the City Hall who saw Oswald in the Theatre and also heard the pistol click when it misfired as Officer McDonald attempted to arrest Oswald.

Respectfully submitted,

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